be made from the first of the month and remitted to the Taluk Treasury six times in the month, *i. e.*, on the 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th and 30th. This is hard on the raiyats. It should be ordered that collection should be closed on the 20th and collected money remitted afterwards.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner says that he has given no such order.

Subject No. 403.

Illiteracy in Patels.

Summary of discussion.—Patels in the District are paid four per cent on the Jamabandi of the villages, and are entrusted with the Revenue collections and with Police, Revenue and quasi judicial functions such as, power to hold inquests, &c. But they are often illiterate and cannot even write and grant a receipt for money paid. Such should be replaced by educated men.

Dewan's reply.—Not yet.

Subject No. 404.

Time for Taluk and Huzur Jamabandi.

Summary of discussion.—In the Bangalore District, it has been ordered that the Taluk Jamabandi should be held in September, and the Huzur Jamabandi in November. This is inconvenient to the people for the following reasons :—

(1) Darkhasts for lands will not have been disposed of, and

(2) to prepare Khaneshumari and other accounts, the Shanbhogs and others will have to exert themselves very hard.

It is therefore necessary that the Taluk Jamabandi should be held in November, and the Huzur Jamabandi in January.

Dewan's reply.—No. The present rule is most excellent.

Subject No. 405.

Time for selling produce of Government fruit trees.

Summary of discussion.—In the Bangalore District, the Batayi produce of tamarind, honge, soap-nut, &c., is ordered to be sold in September, when tamarind will not be ripe, and there will be no sigé or soap-nut crop, and when no estimate can be formed of honge crop. The result is loss to Government if the crop prove rich, and loss to purchasers if the crop fall below anticipations. Therefore, the period of sale should be changed to January.

Dewan's reply.—This will be referred to the Deputy Commissioner for examination.

Subject No. 406.

Stationary Assistant Commissioners for every two Taluks.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars in this State are encumbered with multifarious functions such as Revenue, Forest, Municipal, Maramat, settlement of Inam disputes, &c., and are also Magistrates. They are frequently absent from head-quarters on Revenue and Police work and parties concerned in cases before them are obliged to attend in camp, or, their cases will be posted to distant dates for disposal at head-quarters. Parties, thereby, suffer and get disheartened and are tempted to give up their causes altogether. An Assistant Commissioner should, therefore, be

located in a central place for every two Taluks to carry out Revenue, Criminal and Registration works.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable at present. (See also Subject No. 59 *supra*).

Subject No. 407.

Khalsat on excess in Inams.

Summary of discussion.—The rule imposing Khalsat on Inam lands found to be in excess of " Jari " area, is a great hardship to the people. As it is not known with on measurement or with what boundary marks the Inams were originally granted, the determination of excess cannot be accurate, and therefore, possession and enjoyment alone should be the guide in such cases. It is therefore desired that such excess land should also be confirmed as Inam, only a reasonable quit-rent being imposed thereon.

Dewan's reply.—No.

Subject No. 408.

A bridge required across the S. Pinakini.

Summary of discussion.—A bridge across the stream forming the Hoskote tank is badly required. Colonel Macintire promised to recommend it.

Dewan's reply.—The question will be reported upon by the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 409.

Reconstitution of the Closepet Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Closepet Taluk should be reconstituted. The present arrangements, with Channapatna as Head-quarters, are inconvenient.

Dewan's reply.—No. This was decided long ago.

Subject No. 410.

Anikat across the Arkavati in Channapatna Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Ten thousand rupees have been sanctioned for the water of the town of Closepet by means of pipes. This is not of much use to the people. The Arkavati river should be dammed near Lingadakatte attached to Halli Mala village, by this the Government would derive a profit of one lakh of rupees and the town would be supplied with water, which would be healthy to men and cattle. The proposed water-supply project for Closepet is not wanted irrespective of the anikat as a means of irrigation.

Mr. Varadachar (Landholder and R. M. from Closepet Municipality) said that it was wanted, as the people of Closepet were suffering much for want of good drinking water.

Dewan's reply.—An anikat is not feasible at the spot mentioned.

Subject No. 411.

Munsiff for Closepet.

Summary of discussion.—A Munsiff's Court should be established at Closepet.

Dewan's reply.—No. There is Railway communication between Closepet and Bangalore where the Munsiff is now placed.

Subject No. 412.

Fines in nuisance cases.

Summary of discussion.—Fines imposed for breach of sanitation in Municipal towns, should be credited to the Municipality.

Dewan's reply.—The amount is stated to be insignificant.